

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 2871

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For: OPTICAL FILM, ELLIPTICALLY POLARIZING PLATE AND IMAGE DISPLAY

Atty. Docket No.: 032170

Customer No.: 38834

SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE DECLARATION
AND
REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF PRIORITY INFORMATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 28, 2005

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit a substitute declaration listing the priority Japanese applications with the correct filing date for the second-listed Japanese application No. 2003-001791 (i.e., the correct date of **January 8, 2003** instead of the incorrect January 18, 2003).

Further, Applicants respectfully request that the priority information for this application be corrected to indicate the correct filing date of **January 8, 2003**.

Thus, the benefit of the filing dates of the following prior foreign applications is being requested for this application, and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. 119 is being claimed:

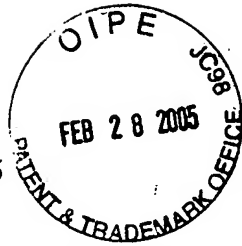
Japanese Appln. No. 2002-363696 filed on December 16, 2002, and

Japanese Appln. No. 2003-001791 filed on **January 8, 2003**.

It is noted that the claim for priority was correctly made with the application filing on

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December 12, 2003 and the certified copies of the two priority applications were filed on that date. However, the declaration filed on that date erroneously listed JP 2003-001791 as filed on January 18, 2003 instead of the correct date of January 8, 2003.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encl.: Substitute Declaration